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SUBJ: LPDR RESTRICTS CONTACTS OF DIPLOMATS WITH GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY CIRCULAR NOTE NUMBER 218/AE.PROT  
OF FEBRUARY 14, 1977 TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND UNITED  
NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES  
REGULATES CONTACT BETWEEN FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND LAO  
OFFICIALS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. HEREAFTER VICE MINISTERS (SECRETARIES OF STATE)  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RATHER THAN THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL  
RECEIVE THE INITIAL COPIES OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE FROM  
NEW AMBASSADORS AND WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY FOR  
PRESENTATION OF THE LETTERS.

B. CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WILL, AFTER  
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PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE, CALL ON THE  
FOLLOWING PERSONS: PRIME MINISTER; VICE PRIME MINISTER,  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; SECRETARIES OF STATE FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE APPROPRIATE  
DEPARTMENTS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

C. AT THE END OF THEIR MISSIONS, AMBASSADORS WILL

TAKE LEAVE BEFORE THEIR FINAL DEPARTURE OF THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC; THE PRIME MINISTER; VICE  
PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; SECRETARIES  
OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR SENIOR OFFICIALS OF  
APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

D. COURTESY VISITS TO OTHER LAO PERSONALITIES BY  
CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE UN AND OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, WILL NO LONGER  
BE AUTHORIZED.

E. WORKING VISITS WILL BE MADE ONLY TO APPROPRIATE  
DEPARTMENTS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
WITH, AS NECESSARY, THE PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE MINISTRIES OR TECHNICAL SERVICES CONCERNED.

F. THE DELIVERY OF ENVELOPES AND MESSAGES FOR LAO  
PERSONALITIES WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. COMMENT: AS A MATTER OF COURSE WE HAVE BEEN SENDING  
ANY MESSAGES, INCLUDING INVITATIONS, FOR LAO OFFICIALS  
TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY RIGHT ALONG. ALTHOUGH THE OTHER  
RESTRICTIONS MAY SIMPLY BE INTENDED TO ASSURE THE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY COORDINATION OF CONTACT WITH FOREIGN MISSIONS,  
THE NET RESULT WILL BE TO REDUCE CONTACT BY THE FOREIGN  
MISSIONS AND LPDR OFFICIALS OUTSIDE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
THIS WILL NOT AFFECT US AT ALL, BUT IT MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS  
FOR THE UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AS WELL AS FOR  
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